Clark County 78<sup>th</sup> Street/WSU Property Concept Planning Sounding Board Meeting #5 March 18, 2009 Summary Notes

**Sounding Board members in attendance:** Rob Freed, Clark County Historic Preservation Commission; Blair Wolfley, WSU Extension; Doug Ballou, NACCC; Bruce Prengruber, Clark County Food System Council; Jim Youde, Clark County Food Bank; Doug Stienbarger, WSU Clark County Extension; Florence Wager, Parks and Recreation Commission; Pete Dubois, Clark County Sustainability; Ila Stanek, Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association/West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association; Bud VanCleve, NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association; and Sunrise O'Mahoney, Vancouver Food Cooperative.

**Consultant staff present:** Jeanne Lawson and Adrienne DeDona, JLA.

**Clark County staff present:** Mark McCauley, General Services Director; Jim Gladson, Public Works; and Colete Anderson, Community Planning.

**Members of the public:** Walt Futtrup, Avril Massey, Deston Denniston, George Vartanian, Ron Wilson, Neil Kimsey, Dellan Redju, and Jamie Clark.

## **Agenda Overview & Introductions:**

Jeanne Lawson kicked off the meeting with an overview of the agenda and a quick round of introductions.

Jeanne explained that the purpose of the meeting is to prepare the Sounding Board members for the public workshop on April 9<sup>th</sup>, including explaining the meeting purpose, structure and the role of the Sounding Board at the workshop. Getting feedback from Sounding Board members will be important so that the workshop strategy can be refined if necessary.

## **Group Discussion:**

Robert Freed reported that he recently discovered via Clark County staff that the original property owner was William Anderson. Robert had earlier made the suggestion to name the property after the former owner as is done with other historic properties. He offered this suggestion up for consideration in the future.

Jeanne said that the naming of the property hadn't been put back on the agenda because there were some fundamental issues with expectations about the property that needed to be addressed first.

## Review project purpose, guiding principles and concept planning process:

Jeanne told the group that because the purpose of the workshop is to get feedback on the work that's been done through the Sounding Board to-date, it was important to make sure the group is on the same page with regard to the proposed uses the Sounding Board vetted two meetings ago.

Jeanne reviewed the guiding principles and the project history with the group.

- The history of the project, specifically the planning process that took place several years ago helped to clarify that the public valued the history of the site.
- About a year and a half ago, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) decided they wanted to revisit this project.
- The BOCC came up with some principles and a draft concept for purpose of discussion.
- The draft concept and guiding principles were circulated to some neighborhoods and through stakeholder interviews. Generally the feedback was pretty positive about the general direction that the concept was headed.
- The Sounding Board was formed with the intention of serving as a feedback mechanism for the management team to use for future decisions to be made.

Jeanne described the purpose of the concept planning process and that it is intended to come up with some of the types of uses that might be in place at the property. It is not intended to determine the site design. She added that proposed concept plans had been circulated to the Sounding Board during this process at previous meetings to explore how some of these uses might work.

Jeanne reviewed the project purpose and the guiding principles. She said that the principles were circulated to the Sounding board through previous meetings and feedback was provided on them. The guiding principles have been accepted by the group and the BOCC and provide the parameters for which to make decisions in this process. Jeanne added that this Sounding Board was formed to bring together the various interests that have a stake in this process, such as food, historic preservation, area neighbors, education, etc.

## Public workshop:

Jeanne said that we created the format for the public workshop because we really wanted to engage the public more intensely than we would if we had a traditional open house. She said that at the workshop, we want people to gain an understanding of the principles and the ideas that have been generated by the Sounding Board. She added that it's important that people are able to understand the box in which the Sounding Board has been working within (the project purpose and guiding principles) and get everyone on the same page.

Adrienne described the format for the public workshop as follows:

- All participants will receive a comprehensive handout when they arrive and sign in. The handout will include a topographic map of the property and a list of all of the potential uses being considered for the site broken down by category.
- Welcome and brief project history from Commissioner Marc Boldt.
- Presentation to cover the project purpose, overview of the process, guiding principles and potential uses by Mark McCauley. This segment will include a slide presentation.
- Jeanne Lawson will facilitate 5 minutes of clarifying questions from the audience.
- Participants will be invited to informally share information at various stations around the room
  in an open house style format. Sounding Board members will staff posters describing the
  various proposed uses by category to provide information and answer questions. Sounding

board members will staff the areas they are most knowledgeable about (i.e. Jim Youde will staff the poster listing the Food Bank, Doug Steinbarger will staff the poster listing WSU Extension, and so on). Information shared should demonstrate how the idea/proposal meets the project purpose and guiding principles.

- Following the information sharing session, all participants will be asked to be seated at the tables for a facilitated small group discussion. This discussion will be facilitated and documented by two sounding board members or one sounding board member and a staff person (a list of the Sounding Board members paired in teams was provided to the group see attachment provided). Each table will be supplied with a large site map and a natural features map (from the permaculture project).
- Each small group will select a representative (either the facilitator or the recorder) to report out to the entire group about the ideas conveyed during their discussion.
- An online survey will follow the public workshop to further narrow the list of preferred uses for the site.

Adrienne asked the Sounding Board members to provide her with any input they had about the teams proposed for facilitating small group discussions, including letting her know if anyone was uncomfortable in a facilitator or recorder role. Adrienne will collect input on the sounding board pairings and send back out to the group prior to the public workshop. Sounding Board members are encouraged to come to the meeting early at 5:30 p.m. to get another briefing/orientation.

The Sounding Board discussed the location (Gaiser Middle School Cafeteria) and set up for the public workshop and determined that the space was adequate, but that we might need to accommodate over a hundred people for the small group discussions.

Jeanne reviewed some tips and methods for facilitation, including active listening skills. She added that a good tip is to repeat what someone has said and ask if that was correct and ask someone else to give input. See the attached facilitation guide and talking points for more information.

Jeanne stressed that it was important for both the facilitator and the recorder to remain neutral throughout the small group discussion - do not exchange in debate!

## **Group Discussion:**

Blair stressed that it was important to write down what people say when taking notes in the small group discussions.

Bud said that it is likely that sports fields will come up during the small group discussions. He said that we can tell people there are plans for sports fields to be developed at another location close-by.

Robert asked what should the facilitator and recorder do if someone proposes and idea that doesn't fit within the principles, such as an RV park?

Jeanne responded by saying you have to listen to the information and not judge it. Take it down. The group will judge it. She said after everything has been discussed, ask how the ideas meet the guiding Clark County 78<sup>th</sup> Street/WSU Property Concept Plan Sounding Board Meeting #5 Summary Notes Page 3

principles. Maybe they will like something so much even though it doesn't meet the principles, you keep it.

Doug said that one of the objectives of the group discussion is to understand is that there might be something suggested that doesn't fit the guiding principles. He said that the BOCC needs to know if there is a lot of public sentiment for something other than what is currently being considered.

Blair added that there are no bad ideas. Facilitators and recorders should get the ideas down and then it can be sorted out. The small groups should brainstorm ideas.

Jeanne reiterated not to pre-judge any suggested ideas. She said that in order to really facilitate well, you really should be respectful/compassionate about the people around the table.

Ila shared a sketch/design for the property that was generated by Team 99. She said she would like to share it at the meeting and asked what the group thought about that.

Bruce and Robert both said that at any point in the meeting if we start talking about placement, then we get away from talking about concepts. They felt the focus should be on generating a list of concepts.

Bud also added that he was really interested in content vs. placement.

Ila said she understood what group had to say, but that Team 99 is interested in placement of uses.

## **Potential uses:**

Mark McCauley reviewed the list of potential concepts currently being considered (see attached handout content).

Pete provided the group with a quick update on some of the interim/demonstration projects that are currently underway:

- The terracing work was completed earlier this month by the Austrian farmer, Sepp Holzer. The plantings in that area will take place on Saturday, March 21.
- The Farmer's Market concept is currently on hold, but may start up later in the summer season.
- The community garden concept is in the planning phases right now. A local resident, Ernie Goodrich is getting involved as a project mentor.

Mark said that a technical analysis was completed on the Kapus farm buildings and it is unlikely that there will be funding to move the buildings from their location in Ridgefield to the 78<sup>th</sup> Street site due to structural problems with the buildings and the logistics of the move.

Jim gave an update on the Food Bank, including the \$712,500 federal grant received for building construction. He also provided the following information about the location of the food bank in the NE corner of the property:

 The Clark County Food Bank plans to integrate gardening activities and nutrition education programs with WSU Extension staff, with the focus of these joint activities on the northern portion of the property.

- The Food Bank needs the exposure of an attractive, sustainable, busy facility on 78<sup>th</sup> Street to attract additional volunteers and donors to help alleviate hunger and its root causes in Clark County.
- Truck traffic to and from the center needs the capacity of 78<sup>th</sup> Street. Adequate capacity does not exist on 68<sup>th</sup> Street to handle additional truck traffic volume.
- Food Bank and WSU Extension activities will be more compatible with other land uses along 78<sup>th</sup>
   Street than with the residential neighborhoods along 68<sup>th</sup> Street.
- There is adequate space along 78<sup>th</sup> Street to build the Food Bank distribution center in the northeast corner of the property, while still having room to develop other uses on the property with access from 78<sup>th</sup> Street.

Jeanne asked if there has been a decision by the BOCC on the location of the Food Bank.

Mark answered by saying there is no documentation of that decision on behalf of the board. He asked when that decision needed to be made on where the Food bank needs to be located.

Jim said that it needed to happen within the next couple of months.

Mark said that the letter of intent does say that the food bank will be on 78<sup>th</sup> Street.

Jeanne added that if people spend their time talking about this, then they need to know whether or not their efforts/input is worthwhile.

Doug asked Jim if the Food Bank distribution center is thought of fundamentally as a warehouse. He also asked what makes this site better than other sites in the County – is it because it's owned by the County and they don't have to purchase property?

Jim answered by saying the integration of what happens at the Food Bank with the programs WSU Extension offers, such as gardening/producing food on site and distributing it to needy families is one of the reasons why this site is appealing. That concept appeals to potential donors. It's more than simply collecting and distributing food. A certain amount of the acreage would be used for producing and distributing fresh, local, seasonal produce to the community. Nutrition education, gardening education, food preparation could be taught to the community at this location. The site would really be more of a community resource than it is now. Currently the Food Bank only serves as a warehouse and it is not as visible to potential donors or volunteers. Donation volumes would likely pick up at a more visible location such as 78<sup>th</sup> Street. Jim said that the zoning would have to be addressed to accommodate a Food Bank. He also added that their hope is to model the Food Bank after Mother Earth Farms where they integrate growing food and distributing it to the local community.

Ila asked what is going to be done about the existing wetlands.

Jim said that has been looked at and there will be no impacts to the wetlands in the area currently being proposed for the Food Bank.

Jeanne asked if community rooms would be included in the Food Bank building.

Jim said that phase one will be food bank facility with one community room and kitchen. Phase two will include more community space/classrooms. How those phases are built is a matter of available funding.

Robert announced that Clark County is currently pursuing a grant to adequately research the history of the poor farm cemetery.

### **Public Outreach:**

Adrienne provided the following brief overview of the public outreach strategy for the group. In the interest of time, Sounding Board members were asked to provide input or ask questions about the public outreach strategy after the meeting.

- A project website with up-to-date information has been launched and is available for review at www.clark.wa.gov/78WSU.
   Public workshop materials will be available on the website prior to and following the public workshop. By April 17<sup>th</sup>, a video of the public workshop, an event summary and an online questionnaire will be posted.
- Clark County Public Information Office would develop and distribute a press release to the local media.
- An e-mail announcement would be sent to the Sounding Board, interested parties, the Highway
   99 SubArea Plan mailing list and the Clark County Neighborhoods distribution list.
- A postcard mailing would go out to the same geographic area as was used for the Highway 99
   SubArea Plan.

### **Public comment:**

The following people participated in the public comment period:

- Arlan Stanek said he has heard about what's happening here and having seen who sits on this
  committee, says he's really disappointed. He said this is 80 acres of County owned property that
  is going to result in 80 acres of farming. This group has a closed mind and have made up their
  mind.
- Ron Wilson said he agrees with Arlan. He said that during the meeting, the group alluded to the plan coordinated by JD White. He agrees it was a horrible process. After that process got canned, he was hoping to see a lot of input not catered to special interest. One of the biggest things that came out of the process beforehand was that the majority of people would not be catered to. He says he hasn't seen the input from the stakeholder interviews integrated into the plans for this project.
- Deston Dennison said he appreciated that the focus would be on concepts at the public workshop on April 9<sup>th</sup>. It's a powerful and good move. He would like to see consideration for t how all of these concepts integrate with each other. He said that the concepts should be able to integrate the concepts that come out of the public meeting and draw benefits from them. Deston asked whether the Kapus Farm be taken apart and moved over in pieces (come out in sections and rebuilt). He said that might be an alternative to look at.

- Dellann Redjou said she owns an area business and her kids go to Kings Way. She wants the property to be a huge draw for the entire County and for it to be an economic focal point. She thinks we are sorely lacking in parks. She said she doesn't see those ideas here or other tourist type attractions like wine tasting. She said she doesn't want to see 80 acres going to waste, such as not being used for economic development.
- Jamie Clark said he was a landscape architect in town and has an interest in this project. He said some of the conversations that he has been involved in have been diverse, yet the ideas haven't hit the map yet. He said he supports encouraging all of the concepts that could be considered, then discuss layout. He said that the design will be critical to how it will work. Even if the site is a combination of agriculture and park space, it will be a regional or national draw. There are ideas being discussed here that haven't been before.
- George Vartanian said his concern before was that the property was going to be used for something other than the public thought it was going to be used for. He said he believes that that someone has hamstrung this group by saying that this is what the site is going to be used for vs. being used as a park, residential development or commercial aspects. He said he is not opposed to where we are going. He added that if people are not interested in food or planting, they probably will not going to go to the site.

Jeanne followed up the public comments by saying that she wanted to make sure everyone had an accurate understanding of what has happened as a part of this process. She explained that the Sounding Board is made up of representatives from neighborhoods (three present and another not), the Food Bank, parks, education (WSU and Vancouver School District, and historic preservation interests aside from agricultural interests. She said she understands that the some might be hearing mostly agricultural interests. Jeanne referred to what George said about the charge this group was given and that is laid out in the project purpose and guiding principles. She said if there is disagreement with the project purpose and guiding principles, then individuals will need to go to the BOCC and provide input via the public workshop or through the online comment forms specifically about the scope of the project purpose and guiding principles. She said that if the BOCC hears a lot of feedback on a specific topic, they may change their mind about the project purpose. Jeanne invited the group to help nudge the process to become broader if people felt like they needed to.

Jeanne then asked the Sounding Board if they felt like a dot exercise would be a worthwhile exercise to consider at the end of the public workshop. Everyone agreed that this should be added end of the public workshop, following the small group discussions. All participants would be given several colored dots to stick on their preferred ideas for the property.

# 78<sup>th</sup> Street/WSU Property Concept Planning

## **Public Workshop**

## Small Group Discussion/Talking Points for Sounding Board Facilitators

**Objective:** Develop a list of potential uses for the 78<sup>th</sup> Street/WSU property that demonstrate the purpose and guiding principles.

Two Sounding Board members (and possibly one staff person) will facilitate the small group discussions, answer questions, listen to input and ideas and document the conversation. One sounding board member from each table will be responsible for documenting, summarizing the discussion and reporting out in about a minute to the entire group after the small group discussion. It will be important that the sounding board members remain neutral throughout the discussion in order to listen and capture input and ideas from the group.

## **Facilitation Guide**

## Your Role:

- Facilitator: Manage discussion pose discussion questions, field Q&A
- Recorder: Record the group's comments/questions on the flip chart (print) use their words as much as possible.

### Both

- Remain as neutral as possible
- DO NOT ENGAGE IN DEBATE If they just have a comment, have the recorder get it down and then move on.
- Have NO OPINIONS Be completely neutral
- Watch the time
- Facilitator: Identify a few key discussion outcomes and share them with the larger group.
- Recorder: On each sheet, put the date, group, and questions/ideas.

## **Group Discussion:**

- Introduce yourself, if you have not done so.
- Restate the purpose of the discussion: "
- Begin discussion

Sounding Board members should explain the maps provided (topographic and natural features/background data) and the process for documenting input and ideas (you can write with sharpies on large topographic maps). The intent isn't to site specific uses, rather to brainstorm and document preferred uses.

## **Questions to facilitate the discussion.** Responses to these questions should be recorded:

- 1. Of the ideas discussed, what are the ones that you are most interested in and why? (round table).
- 2. Of the ideas discussed, which one is the most difficult to get your mind around and why? (ask for volunteers to answer this question).
- 3. Are there any ideas you didn't hear that you'd like to see? (ask for volunteers to answer this question).
- 4. If someone suggests an idea that doesn't fit within the project purpose or guiding principles, do not judge it. Just take it down. Ask the group to determine whether or not the ideas generated meet the project purpose and the guiding principles.
- 5. If someone suggests sports fields, the facilitator can let them know that there are plans to develop sports fields at a nearby location.
- 6. The table facilitator should review the list of ideas brainstormed and ask if there are any others to add. Once complete, the group should then discuss which ideas demonstrate the project purpose and guiding principles.
- 7. If there is time, the table facilitator should then ask the group to brainstorm potential names for the project and select the group's top choice to share in the report out session.
- 8. The facilitator should remind the group that if they have not filled out an online comment form, fill one out at the meeting or later online.
- 9. The facilitator should provide everyone in the group with 5 dots to stick on the ideas they like the most as they leave the meeting.

A representative (either the facilitator or the recorder) should then summarize what was heard by the group in the report out session. The summary report provided should reflect the group consensus.

## Discussion Management Tips

- 1. If someone is talking on and on about a specific subject, politely tell the participant we have to move on and note their concerns on the flip chart
- 2. Remind everyone that unfortunately, we have a time limit and need to get through the discussion or allow others a chance to speak.
- 3. Engage the participant who is not speaking a lot by asking: "What would you like the group to consider?" or "What ideas would you like to share?"

# Sample discussion management statements:

- "Is this what you're trying to say [show him how it's been captured it on the flip chart, or restate his/her issue]?" ....If so, "Thank you, did anyone else have any questions or comments" OR, if not "What is the most important point you would like me to capture here for the rest of the group?"
- "Gordy, I think I got that one. Folks, we've only got a couple of minutes left are there any other questions?
- "Did anyone have an idea they wanted to talk about that hasn't been discussed yet?"

- "We're running short on time, but I don't want to lose your thoughts on that, could you write that out on the comment form?"
- "It seems we're stuck folks. What can we do to get back on track?"
- "You know, that's an issue we're can't really address in this study, but if you will stick around after the meeting, I'll find out who you need to speak with."

If all else fails, call Jeanne over if there is a problem (she is roving).



# Clark County 78<sup>th</sup> Street/WSU Property Concept Planning

## Small group discussion teams:

- 1. Colete Anderson, County staff, & Sharon Kenoski, Carriage House Estates/Area resident
- 2. Mark McCauley, County staff & Jim Youde, Clark County Food Bank
- 3. Holly Gaya, Clark County PIO office & Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association
- 4. Todd Horenstein, Vancouver School District & Nancy Funk, Master Gardeners
- Derek Chisholm, architectural historian and preservationist & Doug Stienbarger WSU Clark County Extension Office
- 6. Robert Freed, Clark County Historical Preservation Commission & Florence Wager, Clark-Vancouver Parks & Recreation Commission
- 7. Pete Dubois, County staff & Doug Ballou, Neighborhood Advisory Council of Clark County (NACCC)
- 8. Bruce Prengruber, Clark County Food Systems Council & Jim Gladson, County staff
- 9. Mark Stephan, WSU Vancouver & Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association
- 10. Oliver Orjiako, County staff, & Sunrise O'Mahoney, Vancouver Food Co-op
- 11. Adrienne DeDona, consultant team & Blair Wolfley, WSU Clark County Extension Office

Floater: Jeanne Lawson

Notes: Tables will have to be numbered to get people to their assigned location. We may need to assign table numbers to participants as they come in the door. If we have more than 100 people, we will have to either get more facilitators or somehow break up these groups. Most facilitators will not be able to facilitate and take notes by themselves.

# Purpose:

In considering future options for the use of the 78th Street Property, the county is committed to first and foremost preserving the property's agricultural heritage and honoring its history as a poor farm by establishing uses that fairly and equitably benefit the community.

## **Principles:**

To achieve the county's purpose for the site, the following principles will guide decisions.

- Celebrate our agricultural heritage
- Interpret Clark County and WSU's presence at the site
- Showcase and promote sustainable and commercial agricultural practices -Secure, local, seasonal, organic, biodynamic farming, and permaculture
- Support agricultural research that supports sustainable farming practices
- Enhance community wellness and inspire life-long learning
- Promote community volunteerism
- Integrate a variety of activities and resources that provide community access.
- Reflect sound fiscal policy in decision-making matters.

## I. Potential uses

The following elements are currently being considered as potential uses and were vetted through the Guiding Principles by the Sounding Board:

## Community Use/Recreation Elements

- Restaurant tied to local food production.
- **Provide community meeting space** through facilities onsite; either in the main historic building and/or the Clark County Food Bank/WSU Extension offices.
- Develop a multi-modal path/trail that could include interpretive signage explaining the historic
  nature of the site as the former Poor Farm as well as interpretive signing explaining the
  agricultural practices employed at the site.
- **Build a community commercial kitchen/classroom** as part of the Clark County Food Bank for community use.
- **68<sup>th</sup> Street Road improvements** to include street widening and sidewalks for safety and community access.
- **Build a viewpoint shelter** for community use and to showcase the views of Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Hood.
- Establish a working demonstration farm for community learning.
- Provide space for a Clark County Sheriff's Office police substation.

### **Education Elements**

- Teach commercial and personal farming to the community through programs such as Clark College and WSU.
- Education based agricultural center for demonstrations and workshops sponsored by programs such as WSU, Clark College, the Food Systems Council, etc.
- Model/demonstrate growing personal gardens taught by local experts such as Master Gardeners, Clark College, WSU, etc.
- Outdoor community learning programs for local youth sponsored available to Clark County school districts.
- Enhance existing wetland areas for water quality restoration and riparian areas demonstration purposes.
- Develop surface water/rain water demonstration projects for community learning purposes.

### Sustainable Farm, Food & Garden Elements

• **Food Cooperative--**a community owned grocery store. Generally, there is a leading focus on local products as well as natural foods. This is coupled with a dedication to sustainable practices. A co-op shopper (member and non-members) would find products ranging from fresh produce to

cleaning supplies and more. The Vancouver Food Co-op is already established and working on opening a food co-op. For more information go to the Vancouver Food Co-op website at <a href="https://www.VancouverFood.coop">www.VancouverFood.coop</a> or call 694-8094.

- Produce stand/storefront to sell local produce harvested from the site
- Farmer's market for local farmers to sell their produce (not crafts).
- Crop production (commercial/lease), including a start-up incubator/learning program for new farmers
- Replace the Master Gardener greenhouses. The Master Gardeners Foundation currently
  works at the site, primarily in the existing greenhouses. Clark County expects to continue this
  relationship. The Foundation generates proceeds through their annual plant sale conducted at
  the site that supports a wide range of horticultural outreach activities. For more information, go to
  www.clark.wsu.edu/volunteer/mg/
- **Develop community gardening plots** that may include raised bed garden plots to be gardened organically year-round by local community residents.
- Hillside plantings (berries, grapes, and terraced farming). A renowned Austrian farmer worked
  with the County to create a terraced farming demonstration area this spring. This project will
  showcase how to turn the smallest cultivation area into a highly productive edible landscape that
  is self-sustaining without irrigation, pesticides or fertilizers.

## Historic Preservation Elements

Relocate the Kapus Farm historic buildings from their current location in Ridgefield to establish
a sustainable working demonstration farm. For more information visit
http://www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/historic/reg-properties/kapus.html

## II. Interim uses

The following projects may be conducted by Clark County on an interim basis this summer.

- Community gardens, hillside terracing and a weekday Farmer's Market may begin on an interim basis this summer (prior to the Master Plan being completed) and will be intended to determine how successful each project will be as a permanent use of the 78<sup>th</sup> Street/WSU site.
- Clark County will also be using the property for limited farming practices and to temporarily
  house landscaping trees that were a gift to the County to be used for landscaping community
  parks and planting strips.

## III. Permanent uses

The following are projects and site features that are either currently underway or are determined as permanent uses for the site by Clark County:

# Community Use/Recreation Elements

• Explore Expansion of Hazel Dell Park to include acreage lost during the original development of the park.

## Sustainable Farm, Food & Garden Elements

Clark County Food Bank is the hub of a countywide hunger-relief network, dedicated to alleviating hunger and its root causes. The current warehouse space is too small, inefficient and inadequate to utilize volunteers and expand volume in response to growing demands. The 78<sup>th</sup> Street/WSU will provide adequate space in partnership with WSU Extension and other partners to offer nutrition education and gardening classes; in turn reducing clients' reliance on food assistance. WSU Extension staff and programs will transfer from their current location at the CASEE Center to the 78<sup>th</sup> Street/WSU site and will share space with the Clark County Food Bank (The Master Gardeners, a WSU Extension program, will remain at the 78<sup>th</sup> Street/WSU site). For more information about WSU Extension, go to www.clark.wsu.edu/

## Historic Preservation Elements

- Wooden Silo from 119<sup>th</sup> Street and 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue will be transferred to the 78<sup>th</sup> Street/WSU site for historic preservation purposes.
- **Restore the existing buildings** including the main building on 78<sup>th</sup> Street, the barn/shed and the Poor Farm Duplex for historic preservation purposes.
- Preserve the Poor Farm Cemetery site for historic purposes.

## **Public Facilities**

Retain the Clark Public Utilities Well and the necessary 100 foot buffer.

### **Process:**

Following the public workshop, a public online preference survey will be made available on or before April 17<sup>th</sup> at www.clark.wa.gov/78WSU. The survey will provide the public with an opportunity to further refine the potential future uses for the site and provide general comments and ideas.

A master planning process is slated to take place after the concept plan is established later this year and will provide a method for establishing the finer details of the site, including design, building architecture and landscaping. The concept planning process currently underway is intended to outline the broader uses for the site and is anticipated to be complete by the summer of 2009.

For more information, please visit the project website www.clark.wa.gov/78WSU or contact, Adrienne DeDona, JLA Public Involvement at 360-993-0025 / adrienne@jla.us.com.

